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For: DC-DC CONVERTER CIRCUIT HAVING CORRECTION CIRCUIT
FOR OUTPUTTING VOLTAGE LEVEL INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL
TO INPUT VOLTAGE

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Attention is invited to the attached copy of a European Search Report mailed March 16, 2004 in the counterpart European application and a copy of each document cited in it. A completed Form PTO-1449 is also attached.

Official citation and consideration of all the attached documents is requested. Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO-1449 with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP §609] with the next communication.

Please find enclosed copies of the European Search Report and references issued on the European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. patent application. Also attached is a transmission letter with the date-of-receipt stamp of the instructing attorney to establish the date on which they received the European Search Report from their associate. One reference, JP11-252908, has already been submitted to the USPTO as an IDS.

These documents are filed according to Rule 1.704(d) to comply with the duty of disclosure before April 21, 2004, this being the final date of the thirty day period from the date we received the enclosed European Search Report.

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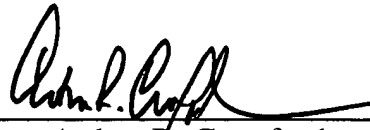
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Respectfully submitted,

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